

Big Game Hunting on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Several big game wildlife management hunt units include Wallowa-Whitman National Forest public land. Big Horn Sheep, Rocky Mountain elk, white-tailed and mule deer, cougar, black bear, moose, pronghorn antelope, and Rocky Mountain goat may all be seen on the forest area but not all species are currently hunted.

Hunt Unit Maps - Upon successful drawing of tags from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), hunters may contact local Forest Service offices to acquire maps that cover their hunting unit. The Forest Service sells National Forest maps and the more popular ranger district maps that have more detail such as topographic lines, trails, roads, and fence lines. Some Ranger Districts also sell BLM maps. The Forest Service provides a link to free-downloadable and printable USGS Topographical Quadrangle .pdf maps on their web pages so that the public may download and print maps on their personal computers and printers. [Click HERE](#) to launch the link to the Pacific NW Region Map. None of the maps mentioned above or below are marked with State of Oregon hunt unit boundary lines.

Following is a table of the ODFW wildlife management hunt units, Ranger District Maps which cover that unit, sub-units and travel management area. The italicized link in parenthesis below displays the size of the downloadable map. The ranger district map(s) most commonly sold in our offices for specific hunt unit is (are) listed in the second column. Some Travel Management Areas which hunters should be aware of prior to travelling by motorized vehicle into an area are listed in the third column. Please check the [ODFW maps page](#) for updated information and downloadable maps.

Hunt Unit Map	Map(s)	Travel Management Area
Ukiah Unit 49	North Fork John Day Ranger District La Grande Ranger District	Meacham
Sumpter Unit 51	Baker Ranger District Unity Ranger District Long Creek Ranger District	Patrick Creek Dark Canyon
Starkey Unit 52	La Grande Ranger District	Starkey Unit Meacham
*Starkey Experimental Forest and Range	La Grande Ranger District	
Catherine Creek Unit 53	La Grande Ranger District	Little Catherine Creek
Mt Emily Unit 54	Walla Walla Ranger District La Grande Ranger District	Meacham
Sled Springs Unit 57	Wallowa Valley Ranger District	Shamrock / Whiskey Creek Noregaard
Chesnimnus Unit 58	Wallowa Valley Ranger District Hells Canyon National Recreation Area	Chesnimnus
Snake River Unit 59	Hells Canyon National Recreation Area	
Imnaha Unit 61	Wallowa Valley Ranger District Hells Canyon National Recreation Area	Grouse Lick / Canal Creek
Pine Creek Unit 62	Whitman - Pine Ranger District Hells Canyon National Recreation Area	Pine / Keating
Keating Unit 63	Whitman - Pine Ranger District BLM Malheur River Country	Pine / Keating

*Contact [Starkey Experimental Forest](#) for access maps for special hunts.

Private Property Surrounded By, Near or Surrounded by the National Forest

Some of the hunt units include private land and some private land is fully surrounded by National Forest lands. The ranger districts do not maintain current lists of property owners of private lands. State law requires that you contact private property owners prior to entering private property, even to retrieve wounded game. Private property ownership and their property legal descriptions may be found by reviewing the State of Oregon tax records for the specific county, the [ORMAP](#) web site for the legal description and the [Baker](#), [Grant](#), [Umatilla](#), [Union](#), or [Wallowa](#) county assessor offices or web pages for ownership information.

Some private property owners adjacent to the forest have already provided permission for hunters to access their property for hunting as part of the Access and Habitat Program administered by ODFW. Access maps for [Glass Hill](#), in Starkey Hunt Unit 52 and [Owsley Canyon](#), part of Mount Emily Hunt Unit 54 are available through ODFW's web page as are other maps for private land hunting opportunities. Before your hunt, check with ODFW for any additions or changes or to enquire about contact names and information concerning hunting on other private lands.

Travel Management Areas, Regulations, and Habitat Maps - Ensure you are not driving in an area or on a road that is closed to motorized vehicles before going into that area. Check the Forest's Alerts & Notices page to ensure that it is legal to use motorized vehicles or mechanized equipment such as game carts in the area you are planning to hunt. Before your hunt, check with ODFW for any additions or changes. Following are some of the Travel Management Areas which hunters are responsible for being aware of:

[Chesnimnus](#)
[Dark Canyon](#)
[Grouse Lick / Canal Creek](#)
[Little Catherine](#)
[Noregaard](#)
[Patrick Creek](#)
[Pine / Keating](#)
[Shamrock/Whiskey Creek](#)
[Starkey Unit](#)

Hunting in State Wildlife Areas - Portions of the [Ladd Marsh](#) and [Elkhorn Wildlife](#) areas are within the Starkey Unit 52 Hunt Map. Contact ODFW for regulations concerning hunting in those areas.